MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2010

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a special meeting in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 South Lexington Avenue, Burlington, N. C., 27216-1358, on January 20, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Ronnie K. Wall presided

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Wall, Councilmembers Huffman,

Butler and Ross

Councilmembers absent: Faucette

Harold Owen, City Manager: Present

Robert M. Ward, City Attorney: Absent

Jondeen D. Terry, City Clerk: Present

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ronnie K. Wall

TRANSPORTATION QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Regional Engineer Mike Mills introduced NCDOT Secretary Eugene Conti.

Secretary Conti recognized Mr. Mills for his work with the NCDOT.

Secretary Conti welcomed Mayor Wall to the Department of Transportation Board of Directors and said that he valued Ronnie's participation.

Secretary Conti said that the NCDOT employed 12,000 people statewide and maintained 80,000 miles of roadway. He stated that Governor Perdue had signed an executive order to change the role of the Department of Transportation to make it more of a policy board and to hold the whole department accountable and transparent. He also explained that the NCDOT was dealing with the fact that revenues were down ten percent last year. He said that

temporary employees had been laid off and that a hiring freeze had been imposed. He stated that revenues had begun to stabilize and that revenue from the gas tax was up compared to last year.

Secretary Conti conducted a question-and-answer period.

ADJOURN:

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Huffman, seconded by Councilmember Butler, it was resolved unanimously to adjourn.

Jondeen D. Terry City Clerk